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One case of smallpox on steamship Victoria arriving at New York quarantine.

QUARANTINE, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y., April 27, 1896.

One case of smallpox on steamship *Victoria*; disinfection performed; 244 vaccinated; 10 passengers removed to Hoffman Island. Arrived Friday evening, April 24; released Saturday noon, April 25.

A. H. DOTY,
Health Officer.

Report of arrival and treatment of steamship Gaelic at Angel Island Quarantine Station, Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Angel Island, April 19, 1896.

SIR: Confirming my telegram of the 19th instant, I have the honor to report, more in detail, the facts concerning the quarantining of the steamship *Gaelic*. The *Gaelic* arrived at quarantine on the morning of the 19th from Hongkong, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu, with 52 cabin and 211 steerage passengers, and 109 in the crew; all well. The ship's surgeon disclaimed all knowledge of the case of plague said to have left the ship at Yokohama, March 31st, as per cablegram of Consul-General N. W. McIvor. This fact is not inconsistent with the habits of Chinese. Only the better classes will consult a Caucasian physician.

Upon inquiry, I learned that several of the Chinese passengers went ashore at the intermediate ports, in order to procure medical advice and healing herbs from the learned of their own race. It is, therefore, not improbable that the patient in question succeeded in concealing his illness from the ship's surgeon, and left the ship to die the next day of the plague, at Yokohama. It seems no more cases appeared on board. There were no deaths en voyage. One man, missing, was said to have jumped overboard.

On April 5 a case of smallpox was discovered in a Chinese immigrant. This man was put in quarantine at Honolulu, with about 900 passengers, destined for the islands. The ship was detained two days, and partially disinfected, there. Upon arrival here the cabin passengers were inspected, and all having been vaccinated and the period of incubation of both diseases having passed, were allowed to disembark. The steerage passengers were taken to quarantine. They were bathed, and all their baggage disinfected by steam, dry heat, sulphur dioxide or formalin. This required two days. The dunnage of the crew and all the bedding and sacking bottoms were steamed.

The ship was given a thorough disinfection in all its living compartments, including the forecastle, and, excepting the cabin staterooms, under my personal supervision.

Very respectfully, M. J. ROSENAU,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Quarantine proclamation, South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 24, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a copy of the annual proclamation declaring active quarantine regulations in force as issued by the State board of health and approved of by Governor Evans.

Yours, respectfully, T. GRANGE SIMONS, M. D.,
Chairman Committee on Quarantine, State Board of Health.